

NORTH CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT



2007



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

It is my pleasure to submit the 2007 Annual Report to the Mayor, City Council, our Citizens, and to our employees. Our annual report allows us to reflect on our accomplishments of the past year and to think about how that compares to what we have done in the past and what we need to do in the future.



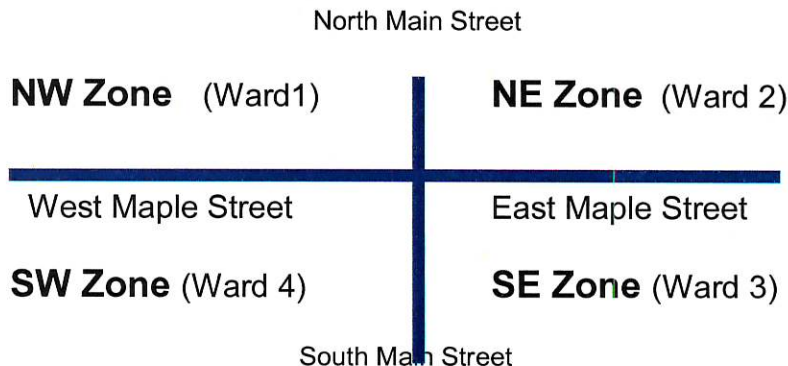
The Department started 2007 with an opening in the full time officer rank. In January, another long time serving patrol officer retired. The Department was given permission to fill only 1 of the 2 openings because of uncertainty about city income tax revenue due to the announced closing of the Hoover Company. This left us back to our pre-1996 level of 24 full time officers.

Thieves, vandals, drunk drivers, burglars and other criminals do not stop their actions just because we have reduced our force. Our patrol officers and supervisors take great personal pride in deterring crime, catching criminals and maintaining a level of service that has come to be expected by the citizens we serve. In 2007, they continued to make sure that North Canton was a safe place to live, learn, work and play.

DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

THE NORTH CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT IS COMMITTED TO PROTECT AND SERVE THE PUBLIC WITH FAIRNESS, IMPARTIALITY AND RESPECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW, WITH THE GOAL OF MAKING THE CITY OF NORTH CANTON A SAFE AND DESIRABLE PLACE TO LIVE, LEARN, WORK, AND VISIT.

PATROL ZONES





For patrol and statistical purposes the city is divided up into four quadrants or zones. These zones match the street name direction designators to keep things simple. At the minimum there will be a patrol car assigned to patrol both northern zones and one assigned to patrol both southern zones. In addition to the zone cars, there will be a floating car, which will randomly patrol all four zones. Additional cars can be assigned to special patrol duties such as traffic enforcement, neighborhoods, accidents, etc. The Department also employs a bicycle patrol to supplement the normal cruiser based patrol and help patrol the parks.

MAJOR CRIMES STATISTICS FOR NORTH CANTON

Year	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Vehicle Theft	Arson
1994	0	4	5	8	77	216	17	0
1995	0	8	7	31	54	219	12	2
1996	0	5	6	46	64	254	12	2
1997	0	7	8	31	50	288	13	3
1998	0	6	2	47	68	276	10	2
1999	0	5	4	47	67	293	8	1
2000	0	7	7	37	54	346	5	3
2001	0	3	8	32	38	367	3	8
2002	0	6	10	37	46	373	15	5
2003	2	7	9	46	50	389	6	0
2004	0	4	5	37	45	386	14	3
2005	0	4	7	34	40	332	7	0
2006	0	2	8	35	26	352	13	2
2007	0	4	7	32	39	260	10	5



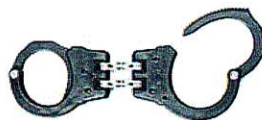
CRIMINAL CHARGES & INDIVIDUAL ARRESTS

Criminal charges are the actual filing of one or more criminal complaints with the court against a person usually in conjunction with the physical arrest of that person. Traffic citations are generally not considered arrest charges. The only exception is an arrest for operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs (OVI), which is filed on a traffic citation. In 2007 there were 559 total criminal charges filed by the Police Department. Of those 407 were filed against adults and 152 filed against juveniles. There were 398 individuals arrested in 2007. Including a total of 289 adult arrests and 109 juvenile arrests. Some of these people were charged with multiple offenses.

When charges are filed against an adult that person can either be arrested and incarcerated at the Stark County Jail or issued a summons and released. This depends on the type and seriousness of the offense. The Police Department utilizes the Canton Municipal Court and the Stark County Common Pleas Court to prosecute criminal offenses. Mayor's Court can only try cases that involve violations of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Canton. Also, there are added costs that the city may incur if a person is jailed for a violation of a North Canton City ordinance. For that reason, criminal offenses are prosecuted as violations of Ohio Revised Codes whenever possible. The Canton Municipal Court can try cases involving violations of both North Canton City Ordinances and the Ohio Revised Code. The Stark County Common Pleas Court handles felony violations of the Ohio Revised Code.

When charges are filed against a juvenile they can either be arrested and incarcerated at the Multi-County Juvenile Attention Center or sign a Promise to Appear form and be released to a parent /guardian. The Stark County Family Court – Juvenile Division has exclusive jurisdiction to try all juvenile cases.

In an effort to minimize liability to the city for an improper arrest, whenever possible the officer attempts to first seek an arrest warrant for an individual from the Court.





CRIMINAL CHARGES FILED

Year	Total Charges	Adult Charges	Juvenile Charges
2001	696	525	171
2002	565	444	121
2003	607	453	154
2004	703	542	161
2005	692	554	138
2006	660	450	210
2007	559	407	152

INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED

YEAR	Total # Arrested	Adults Arrested	Juveniles Arrested
2001	544	406	138
2002	433	337	96
2003	434	313	121
2004	468	362	106
2005	483	383	100
2006	482	347	135
2007	398	289	109

JUVENIEL ARREST DATA PROVIDED TO OHIO DEPT. YOUTH SERVICES							
White	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian	Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	American Indian	Others or Mixed	Total Juvenile Arrests
95	7	0	2	0	0	5	109

DRUNK DRIVING ARRESTS

YEAR	Total Arrests	# Adults	# Juveniles
2001	83	81	2
2002	67	66	1
2003	50	50	0
2004	83	80	3
2005	81	81	0
2006	52	49	3
2007	74	74	0



TOP 5 ARREST CHARGES – ADULT

2001	Warrants 133	Theft 89	D.U.I. 81	Drug Violations 36	Domestic Violence 25 Liquor Violations 25
2002	Warrants 123	D.U.I. 66	Theft 61	Drug Violations 37	Domestic Violence 23
2003	Warrants 84	Theft 51	D.U.I. 50	Liquor Violations 31	Drug Violations 29
2004	D.U.I. 83	Warrants 78	Theft 38	Domestic Violence 22	Liquor Violations 20
2005	Warrants 103	D.U.I. 81	Theft 53	Drug Violations 50	Liquor Violations 41
2006	Warrants 74	Theft 53	D.U.I. 49	Domestic Violence 29	Drug Violations 28
2007	D.U.I. 74	Warrants 61	Liquor Violations 50	Drug Violations 48	Domestic Violence 23

TOP 5 ARREST CHARGES – JUVENILE

2001	Theft 51	Unruly 19	Criminal Damaging 18	Drug Offenses 15	Liquor Offenses 15
2002	Theft 23	Misc. Offenses 21	Unruly 16	Drug Offenses 15	Criminal Damaging 11
2003	Theft 40	Unruly 19	Drug Offenses 15	Vandalism 12	Liquor Violations 10
2004	Liquor Violations 25	Drug Offenses 19	Unruly 17	Theft 14	Criminal Damaging 9
2005	Drug Offenses 22	Unruly 17	Liquor Offenses 15	Receiving Stolen 11	Theft 10
2006	Theft 44	Drug Offenses 39	Liquor Offenses 21	Unruly 19	Criminal Damaging 12
2007	Drug Offenses 24	Theft 20	Unruly 19	Liquor violations 17	Trespassing 13



<i>Offense</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>
<i>Stolen Autos</i>	15	6	14	7	13	<i>10</i>
<i>Domestic Disturbance Calls</i>	127	90	119	133	123	<i>110</i>
<i>Domestic Violence (DV)</i>	36	38	36	38	46	<i>39</i>
<i>Domestic Dispute (DD)</i>	91	52	83	95	77	<i>71</i>
<i>Domestic Violence - Arrests</i>	25	26	22	26	34	<i>27</i>
<i>Burglaries- Total</i>	46	50	45	40	26	<i>39</i>
<i>NW Zone</i>	9	17	20	13	11	<i>12</i>
<i>NE Zone</i>	17	8	9	8	7	<i>3</i>
<i>SW Zone</i>	10	12	6	12	2	<i>10</i>
<i>SE Zone</i>	10	13	10	7	6	<i>14</i>
<i>Breaking & Entering- Total</i>	27	36	28	24	32	<i>25</i>
<i>NW Zone</i>	9	12	5	6	6	<i>4</i>
<i>NE Zone</i>	3	6	14	8	9	<i>8</i>
<i>SW Zone</i>	8	9	3	4	2	<i>8</i>
<i>SE Zone</i>	7	9	6	6	15	<i>5</i>
<i>Sex Offenses- Total</i>	15	14	14	15	13	<i>20</i>
<i>Rape</i>	6	7	4	4	2	<i>4</i>
<i>Public Indecency</i>	3	0	6	5	4	<i>7</i>
<i>Weapons Offenses</i>	2	2	11	8	12	<i>7</i>
<i>Assaults</i>	37	46	36	34	35	<i>32</i>
<i>Thefts From Vehicles</i>	62	71	83	93	64*	<i>62</i>
<i>Drug Offenses</i>	51	62	81	83	94	<i>72</i>

* correction from last year's reported figure





DETECTIVE BUREAU

Our goal is to deter crime before it happens. But when crime does occur it is also our goal to vigorously and relentlessly pursue the persons responsible. To that end we rely on our citizens, our patrol officers, and our detectives to work together to make this happen.

There are currently two Officers assigned to the Detective Bureau on a full-time basis, one Lieutenant and one Patrolman. The lieutenant reports directly to the chief of police. We also utilize our School Resource Officer (SRO) to help investigate juvenile crime cases. Additional Patrolmen are temporarily assigned on an as-needed basis.

In addition to investigating criminal offenses they collect crime scene evidence, transport evidence to the crime lab, handle the Crime Watch program, conduct neighborhood surveys following criminal activity, and maintain a liaison with other Departments / Agencies and businesses. They conduct background investigations on candidates for hire and conduct internal investigations, at the direction of the Chief. One of the detectives is also a Property Officer in addition to his regular duties. The detectives do a myriad of tasks that go unnoticed until they aren't done. Listing all of their responsibilities here would be impossible. They investigated 40 less cases this year compared to 2006 and overall there were 225 less criminal reports taken by the department.

The detectives review every criminal report that is taken by the Police Department. Each case is investigated as far as practical. Because of this the detectives have a very high clearance rate. Cases are considered cleared when the offender has been identified and arrested or identified and for some reason the offender cannot be prosecuted such as the death of the offender. Cases can also be cleared if the case can't be prosecuted due to the victim's refusal to cooperate, the prosecutors office declines to go forward, and other circumstances beyond the control of law enforcement. The FBI tracks clearance rates nationally in two categories. Violent Crimes, which consists of Murder, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault and Property Crimes, which is everything else. The national,



average clearance rate for property crimes is 15.8%* and the national, average clearance rate for violent crimes is 44.3%*. Our detectives have an overall clearance rate of 49.53%. The majority of those cases crimes would fall into the property crime category. This clearance rate is due in part to a good initial investigation by the responding officer, followed up with thorough and diligent examination by the highly skilled investigators in the Detective Bureau.



During 2007 the detective bureau investigated several notable cases. One of these cases involved a \$77,000.00 internal theft at a local business. The suspect was a former employee and ultimately was charged with four felonies for the crime. Another case involved a pandering sexual material investigation where the investigation resulted in the suspect pleading to a Bill of Information on two felonies before the case went to grand jury. A third case involved a subject being charged with three counts of public indecency for exposing himself to three different female victims at different times. Another investigation involved a man that attempted to rape a customer at local Laundromat. This investigation also resulted in an arrest as the person was charged with felony kidnapping.

*Based on the most current available data, 2006 FBI Uniform Crime Report

Detective Bureau Statistics

POLICE LINE - DO NOT CROSS					
<i>Year</i>	<i>Total Investigations</i>	<i>Criminal Investigations</i>	<i>Total Criminal Charges Filed</i>	<i>Individuals Criminally Charged</i>	<i>Overall Clearance Rate %</i>
1999	236	187	57	49	50.80
2000	234	204	50	40	39.21
2001	225	204	91	77	45.60
2002	255	225	66	50	41.78
2003	276	253	108	72	43.87
2004	212	184	86	49	39.13
2005	163	132	48	39	37.12
2006	166	147	47	38	47.62
2007	127	104	50	39	49.53
POLICE LINE - DO NOT CROSS					



UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION

The patrol division comprises the largest segment of the department and is the most visible element. North Canton officers are dressed in dark blue uniforms and are assigned to three standard shifts (days, afternoons, nights) along with an officer assigned as a swing and fill-in officer. Each shift has a supervising lieutenant assigned to it who is responsible for the delivery of the required service. There is one lieutenant who is assigned as a swing and fill-in supervisor.



There is one lieutenant assigned as the Patrol Commander. The Patrol Commander has many duties and responsibilities. Some of these are to make sure that the shifts run smoothly, insure that patrol officers follow policy and procedures, review reports, schedule employees, update policies and procedures as needed, make sure that the police department coordinates with other city departments to help solve citizens' issues, maintain a working relationship with other agencies, make corrections as needed with personnel, keep our equipment in peak operating condition, and addresses complaints and concerns from citizens. The Patrol Commander reports directly to the chief of police.



The lieutenants and officers of the uniform division are the first response officers. They answer a wide range of different calls ranging from domestic disputes, robberies, assaults, suspicious persons, noise complaints, traffic violations, accidents, parking complaints, to assisting at EMS medical calls when needed. These officers are the backbone of the police department and are directly responsible for our reputation of delivering great service. Most of these officers have other duties and assignments in addition to their patrol responsibilities.





TRAFFIC CITATIONS – WRITTEN WARNINGS – PARKING TICKETS

A citation can be issued for a violation of the traffic section of the City Ordinances or the Ohio Revised Code. Mayor's court can only try violations of City Ordinances. The Canton Municipal Court can try violations of both City Ordinances and the Ohio Revised Code. The Stark County Family Court handles all juvenile traffic violations.

Officers have the discretion to issue a written warning for a traffic violation instead of a citation. This is sometimes done for minor offenses, equipment defects, recently expired license plates, or any other offense where a warning will suffice to promote compliance with the traffic code. Warnings are kept on file and the warning file is checked when a driver is stopped by an officer. This helps ensure that the same person does not receive multiple warnings for the same offense.

Parking tickets are issued for various violations of the Parking Ordinance. These include but are not limited to handicapped parking, fire lane, overtime, and no parking zone violations.



TRAFFIC CITATIONS – WRITTEN WARNINGS – PARKING TICKETS

YEAR	TRAFFIC CITATIONS	WRITTEN WARNINGS	PARKING TICKETS
2000	2241	2379	1271
2001	2332	3467	1237
2002	2597	3286	1164
2003	2117	2363	1388
2004	2221	2537	855
2005	2006	2440	1214
2006	1628	2461	1015
2007	1297	2022	937





TOP FIVE TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

2000	Speed 978	Traffic Signals 231	Assured Clear Distance 174	License Plate Violations 149	Stop Signs 123
2001	Speed 1340	License Plate Violations 187	Traffic Signals 184	Drivers License Violations 153	Assured Clear Distance 148
2002	Speed 1397	Traffic Signals 250	License Plate Violations 161	Assured Clear Distance 157	Driving Under Suspension 122
2003	Speed 904	Traffic Signals 231	License Plate Violations 207	Assured Clear Distance 183	Driving Under Suspension 106
2004	Speed 905	Traffic Signals 250	Assured Clear Distance 195	License Plate Violations 187	Driving Under Suspension 160
2005	Speed 835	Assured Clear Distance 180	Traffic Signals 161	Driving Under Suspension 158	License Plate Violations 130
2006	Speed 531	License Plate Violations 183	Assured Clear Distance 174	Driving Under Suspension 150	Traffic Signals 97
2007	Speed 338	Assured Clear Distance 170	Traffic Signals 134	License Plate Violations 125	Seat Belt Violations 66



The Police Department investigated a total of 604 traffic crashes in 2007. This is an increase of 43 in the number investigated the previous year. The Police Department investigates almost all of the reported crashes that occur within the City. Occasionally a Stark County Sheriff's Deputy or Ohio State Patrol Trooper will happen upon a crash in the City and handle it.

The Department investigates crashes that occur on public (roadway) and private property. There were 142 crashes occurring on private property. When the investigation indicates that a violation occurred on roadway accidents a citation is normally issued. Citations are not normally issued for private property crashes.

Crashes with a reported injury were almost the same as in 2006 as there were 96 injury accidents with 176 persons claiming injury. Fortunately there were no fatal crashes during the year.

The majority of the crashes (55%) occurred between the hours of Noon and 6:00 PM. The worst 2-hour period of the day for accidents is between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. during the week. In 2007 Friday was the day of the week having the most crashes occurring and June was the month to register the most accidents.

TRAFFIC CRASHES BY YEAR

YEAR	TOTAL NUMBER OF CRASHES	PUBLIC PROPERTY CRASHES	PRIVATE PROPERTY CRASHES	CRASHES WITH INJURY / FATALITY
2000	652	517	135	127 / 0
2001	592	452	140	103 / 1
2002	623	465	158	124 / 0
2003	653	490	163	108 / 2
2004	677	512	165	90 / 0
2005	614	442	172	82 / 0
2006	561	430	131	97 / 0
2007	604	462	142	96 / 0

The top four violations involved in the injury crashes were:

- 1). ACD / Following Too Closely (34)
- 2). Failure To Yield (20)
- 3). Failure To Control (14)
- 4). Obey Traffic Device (12)





TOP FIVE OVERALL TRAFFIC CRASH CAUSES

2001	Assured Clear Distance 146	Failed To Yield Right Of Way 118	Improper Lane Change 39	Failure To Control 36	Improper Starting / Backing 28
2002	Assured Clear Distance 165	Failed To Yield Right Of Way 95	Improper Starting / Backing 38	Stop Sign or Traffic Signal Violation 36	Improper Lane Change 31
2003	Assured Clear Distance 185	Failed To Yield Right Of Way 91	Failure To Control 39	Improper Lane Change 38	Stop Sign or Traffic Signal Violation 36
2004	Assured Clear Distance 153	Failure To Control 35	Improper Starting / Backing 34	Failed To Yield Right Of Way 33	Failed To Yield Right Of Way Turning Left 32
2005	Assured Clear Distance 191	Improper Starting / Backing 117	Failed To Yield Right Of Way 84	Failure To Control 54	Stop Sign or Traffic Signal Violation 20
2006	Assured Clear Distance 179	Failed To Yield Right Of Way 84	Improper Starting / Backing 77	Failure To Control 47	Stop Sign or Traffic Signal Violation 26
2007	Assured Clear Distance 180	Improper Starting / Backing 90	Failed To Yield Right Of Way 86	Failure To Control 59	Stop Sign or Traffic Signal Violation 29





EMERGENCY DISPATCH CENTER

The Department operates a 24-hour Emergency Dispatch Center utilizing a Motorola MCC5500 radio consol purchased new in 2003. The dispatchers handle thousands of calls each year that includes telephone calls, radio calls, direct alarm calls, TDD/TTY for the hearing impaired calls, 911 relayed calls, after hours city service calls, activation of the tornado sirens, and walk-in window contacts. In addition to the police department, the Dispatch Center also handles responsibilities for the North Canton Fire Department, North Canton Emergency Medical Service, and maintains radio contact and interaction with the Street, Sewer, Water, and Engineering Departments.

The Center also handles the storage, record keeping, and record release functions of the department. The dispatchers handle the largest portion of data entry into the police computer server. Dispatchers serve multi-functions that enable the Department to keep administrative and clerical staff at a minimum.

Our Center handles all our own Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS) and National Crime Information Center entries for the department and also for Walsh University Police Department, which is located within the city jurisdiction. LEADS and NCIC computers serve as an electronic communication network to retrieve driver licenses information, criminal history checks, warrant notifications, driver license images, parole status, alerts to missing persons, notifications about dangerous persons and incidents, and many other types of law enforcement data.



As an emergency backup, the Department maintains a radio system housed in the Emergency Medical Services building that can be utilized in case of an emergency to the main dispatch center. Also, Walsh University police officers can contact the Center directly to reduce response in times of need and to coordinate efforts if needed. The Center has an installed radio repeater located in the City to help ensure reliable communications with all police and fire units. However, should something occur to the repeater it is an instant switch to bypass the repeater and use a "talk around" channel to all units. The vehicles are still equipped with radios of sufficient wattage to operate safely in the city even without the repeater. These are Motorola XTL cruiser radios purchased and installed to replace older radios in 2006 and 2007.



CALLS FOR SERVICE BY TIME OF DAY

YEAR	DAYS 6:30 a.m. – 2:29 p.m.	AFTERNOONS 2:30 p.m. – 10:29p.m.	NIGHTS 10:30 p.m. – 6:29 a.m.	TOTAL
2001	14869	16269	9419	40557
2002	14790	16044	8315	39149
2003	14078	14101	7026	35205
2004	13720	13475	6668	33863
2005	13994	12727	5574	32295
2006	13180	12348	5748	31276
2007	12131	10757	5513	28401

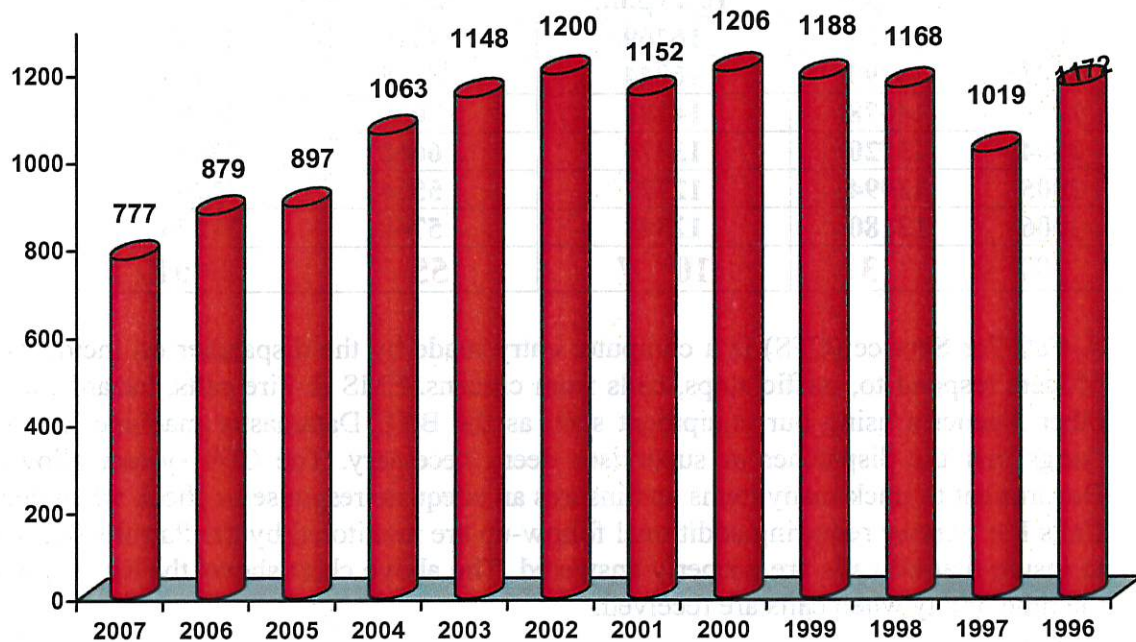
A Call For Service (CFS) is a computer entry made by the dispatcher on incidents that officers respond to, traffic stops, calls from citizens, EMS & Fire calls, hazards, arrests, other Agencies using our equipment such as the BAC Datamaster machine, and other things that the dispatcher or supervisor deem necessary. The CFS system allows the Department to track many items and insures an adequate response or check when needed. Calls For Service requiring additional follow-up are monitored by the Patrol Commander to insure that all calls are properly answered. The above chart shows the breakdown for the time of day when calls are received.



The Dispatch Center received 777 alarm calls from 372 sites during 2007. This is a decrease from the 879 alarms in 2006 and the 897 alarms in 2005. These sites range from private residences to retail and commercial establishments. These alarms can be anything from a basic burglar alarm to a hold-up / panic alarm. The vast majority of these alarms were false or accidental. However each must be handled as a real alarm for the protection of the officer as well as the public. This is a very time consuming process for the Department and utilizes a large amount of resources. Steps are taken by the Department to reduce the number of false alarms by working with those locations that have a high number. The sites are contacted about their high number of alarms compared to others and asked to work on their procedures with their employees or family members. They are reminded that at the present time the police department does not charge for this service but may have to if they continually demand extra resources from us. There were 21 business / commercial sites and 10 residents that had 5 or more alarms in 2007.



ALARM CALLS RECEIVED



TOP FIVE BUSINESS ALARMS

2005	Marc's Discount Store 25	Kmart 23	Charter One Bank 18	Tractor Supply Co. 17	Mercy Medical 15
2006	Marc's Discount Store 22	Subway 18	Kmart 12	Mercy Medical 11	Fieldcrest 10
2007	Marc's Discount Store 19	Fairway's Country Club 14	Kmart 13	Baker Inspection Group 11	Bennets Appliance 11



DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION

The Police Department currently has Patrolman Michael Foltz assigned full-time to the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program within the school system. He is known by all as "Officer Mike". In 2007 he instructed 5th grade students in the DARE program. He also taught 1st grade citizenship program, 2nd grade personal safety program, 3rd grade safety belt program and 4th grade programs on friendship, avoiding bullying and Internet safety. Because of the manpower shortage in the fulltime uniform patrol division, the usual three-week Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) summer camp was not held during the summer school break. Officer Foltz was needed for summer road patrol to help cover the vacation schedule.

The 06-07 school year saw 427, 5th graders complete the DARE program and 361 3rd graders complete the safety belt program. There have been over 6300 graduates from the DARE program since it's inception in 1992.

The Department received a grant from the State of Ohio this past year for the DARE program in the amount of \$17028.00. This money was applied toward wages for the DARE Officer. The Ohio Department of Highway Safety also funded \$722 towards the teaching of the 3rd grade seatbelt program. The North Canton Eagle's donated \$3000 to the D.A.R.E. program and made a commitment to fund the wrist watches that are given away to D.A.R.E. graduates. The North Canton City School District provides an office including all utilities, furniture, Internet and telephone connections for the D.A.R.E. officer in it's building on Portage Street.





SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (S.R.O.)

Patrolman Randy Manse is assigned as a School Resource Officer (S.R.O.) He works within the schools on a daily basis as a liaison between the Department and the School System. He handles most school related incidents, lock down drills and works closely with the school administration to resolve problems through planning.

He is a fulltime officer who splits his time assigned to dayshift by patrolling the city handling calls and working in the schools. Officer Manse was a former undercover drug officer, is a veteran patrol officer, and a member of our Special Response Team. He is assigned by the detective bureau to handle many of the investigations that involve juveniles. Officer Manse is a former Hoover graduate.

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM (SRT)

The Department has a Special Response Team (S.R.T.), which is staffed by a Lieutenant, nine Patrolmen, three tactical medics from the Fire Department and a negotiator, on a part time basis. They train monthly with specialized equipment in various tactics to handle situations that are beyond the normal police call. They are tasked with a wide variety of assignments ranging from serving high-risk search and arrest warrants to barricaded gunmen calls.

In 2007 members of the S.R.T. attended training classes conducted by other response team instructors in the county so that we would be aware of how other local agencies were being taught to handle responses. We did this in case we had occasion to work directly with members of another agency. Another goal was to learn tactics that would make our team even better.

Members of the S.R.T. along with the firearm trainers conducted training again for every police officer of the department in the proper handling and response to active shooter situations. The North Canton School District allowed the members to train and practice in one of the school buildings during the summer.





BIKE PATROL

The Department utilizes a bicycle patrol to supplement the normal cruiser patrol during the spring, summer, and early fall months. There are currently 6 certified bike officers who have attended specialized training. The Department has 5 Trek, police-model patrol bikes and a marked cruiser equipped with a bike rack for bike patrol use. The bike unit assisted in numerous special community events during the year in addition to their normal patrol duties.

PROPERTY ROOM

The property room is staffed by two Patrolmen and a Lieutenant on a part-time basis. They are the evidence custodians of the Department. Any evidence or property taken into custody by the Police Department is processed through the Property Room. Items taken in range from criminal evidence, like drugs or firearms to recovered property such as a lost bicycle. At any given time there are over 1200 items being held by the Department. During 2007 the evidence officers processed more than 530 items. Items no longer needed for Court are returned to the owners. Items are released on a continuous basis, over 200 in 2007. Many items are contraband and are destroyed. Useable items for which no owner can be found are sold at the annual City auction. An order from the Court is sought to gain authorization to sell the items at auction.

TRAINING BUREAU

The Department has several certified instructors who conducted various training classes during the year. These included but were not limited to firearms, less than lethal weapons, subject control, legal update, radar, laser, video, and L.E.A.D.S.

Additionally all officers attended training outside the Department. This training covered a wide variety of topics including B.A.C., Drug I.D., CPR, O.V.I. detection, Traffic Crash Investigation, SWAT, Public Records, Internal Investigations, Interviewing, Background Investigation, Management, Legal Updates, Officer Survival and continuing Chief's Training. This was the first year for state mandatory training in regards to Senate Bill 281 for continuing professional training requirements and reporting.



Diversity awareness and sensitivity training was conducted for all police employees in 2007. Mr. Michael Douglas, Executive Director of Diversity Initiatives Inc. conducted the classes at the city civic center.



The Department also has a Field Training Unit that is responsible for the training of all new Officers. It is staffed on a part-time basis by a supervising Lieutenant and eight specially selected Patrolmen / Field Training Officers. The training of a new officer usually takes about 14 weeks in addition to their police academy training.

In addition, the training bureau is tasked with reviewing all Reaction To Resistance Reports and all Special Response Team after action reports. Officers are required to immediately file reaction reports anytime a weapon is pointed, a weapon tactic is used, or an unarmed tactic is used to gain compliance of a person. This year a revised and improved reaction report was implemented to allow easier tracking and reviewing of events. Reviews are done to make sure policy, procedures, and training are being followed and if there are issues that need further addressed.

REVIEW OF 2007 REACTION TO RESISTANCE REPORTS

Total number of incidents which required a Reaction to Resistance Report	18
Number of those incidents which resulted in arrest	11
Number of those incidents which resulted in claim or observed injury	2
Number of officers who generated at least one report	15
Levels of response from officers indicated	Empty Hand Control Display of Firearm
The S.R.T. was only called out 2 times in 2007. This was for a search for a suspect that had threatened a female in the NW section of the city during a domestic and was reportedly armed in the area. They also responded for a male subject who locked himself in his house with reported weapons after a domestic incident. Both incidents ended peacefully with no harm to anyone. The S.R.T. is required to file "After Action" reports.	





SPEED MONITORING AWARENESS RADAR TRAILER

The Department utilizes a Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Trailer (SMART) to conduct traffic surveys, monitor speeds, and remind motorists of their speed. The trailer consists of a radar unit and a large numeric display, which shows the motorist's speed. During 2007 the trailer was placed at various streets around the City during the spring and summer months. Information compiled regarding traffic speeds, volume, times of use, etc. aids the Department in focusing on problem areas. It is also used to do traffic counts which aid in making changes to existing traffic controls, adding or deleting them, and substantiating complaints in trouble spots. Any resident wishing to have the SMART placed on their street may call and make a request.



ADULT SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

The police department hires, trains, and pays for adults to be school crossing guards during the school year. These folks are responsible for the stellar safety record that we have in our children getting to school safely. Twice a day and in all kinds of weather these crossing guards perform their duties at 8 selected sites in the city. We have crossing guards stationed at Clearmount Avenue S.E. & East Maple Street, Main & Maple Streets, West Maple & Hillcrest Avenue, North Main Street & Charlotte Street, Schneider Street & Clearmount Avenue S.E., 200 block of South Main Street, South Main and Bachtel Streets, and at Glenwood Street S.W. & Fair Oaks Avenue S.W.





POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

The North Canton Police Department has always been known for its great service and response to the citizens. Hiring the best people is a priority.

The hiring of police officers and dispatchers is governed by the rules of the North Canton Civil Service Commission along with the hiring policies set by the City Administration and Police Department. Candidates wishing to be hired full time as an officer or dispatcher must take the prescribed North Canton civil service test when it is given. A test is good for one year and can be good for up to two years before another test must be given. The Commission has the tests graded, handles any challenges, and then certifies a list of the top six candidates to the mayor. Any of these top six candidates may be considered for hire when an open position occurs and Council has appropriated monies for the position.

The police department conducts a quick background on any prospective candidate to make sure they still qualify for the open position. The Chief of Police along with any supervisors deemed germane to the position then holds interviews. Selected candidates then receive a thorough background conducted by the detective bureau which includes, but is not limited to: interviews, fingerprint checks, criminal arrest checks, traffic violation checks, neighbor checks, former and current employers contacted along with a check of education documents. A candidate will be required to take a polygraph examination. When a candidate successfully passes these requirements, they will be offered a job based on their passing a medical exam, drug test, psychological test, and the mayor's decision to hire and swear them into the position.



Part time employees for police officer and dispatcher are not required to take the civil service test and the Commission does not govern their hiring. Otherwise the same hiring procedures are conducted. Seasonal employees such as crossing guards are given a thorough background check and hired directly by the police department.

2007 saw a decrease in the number of full time police officers authorized for hiring. There was a budget impact concern by city council due to the announced closing and selling of the Hoover Company by Whirlpool. The department was allowed to only fill



one of the 2 available openings. This placed the manpower of the department to pre-1996 levels.

POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING AS OF DECEMBER 2007		
POSITION DESCRIPTION	AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE.	ACTUAL
Chief of Police	1	1
Chief's Administrative Assistant – Civilian	1	1
Lieutenant	6	6
Patrolman	18 (Council Permitted Only 17 in 2007)	16 Note: Job already offered & to be hired in January 2008 making 17 th officer
Patrolman – Part Time	4	2
Chief Dispatcher	1	1
Dispatcher	6	5 Interviews being conducted to fill position
Dispatcher – Part Time	3	2
Crossing Guard – Seasonal - Civilian	8	8
Crossing Guard – Seasonal - Substitute	5	4
Police Counselor	Part-time \$26,502 per year position formally removed by Ord. Feb 2007 as same service is now provided by Juvenile Court. Position open but not filled since April 2006 because of the above reason.	
Auxiliary Officer – Non arrest powers	Permitted by Ord. but not used for numerous years	





2007 PERSONNEL CHANGES:

- ▶ Patrolman April Clevenger retired in January 2007 after serving 25 years as the Department's first female full-time police officer.



- ▶ Matthew Rahde hired & sworn in as full-time patrolman in April 2007
- ▶ Holli Webb hired & sworn in as a part-time dispatcher June 2007
- ▶ Patrolman Shawn McGuyrt resigned as full-time officer in August 2007
- ▶ Patrolman Shawn McGuyrt sworn in as part-time officer August 2007
- ▶ Dispatcher Chris Kardos resigned as full-time dispatcher October 2007

SLIDE DATA FROM PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL IN MARCH 2007

	Keeping the City a safe place to live, learn, work, & visit!
N O R T H C A N T O N P D	<p>The U.S. Department of Justice reports that officer ratio in the Midwest for cities our population size is 1.8 officers per 1000 people.</p> <p>Our ratio was 1.52 with 25 officers.</p> <p>Will drop to 1.47 if not permitted to fill authorized manpower slots.</p> <p>Using the July 2004 population estimate, we would drop to a ratio of 1.43.</p>



N O R T H C A N T O N P D	Keeping the City a safe place to live, learn, work, & visit!		
	POLICE JURISDICTIONS NEARBY		
	Jurisdiction	Population	# of Officers Ratio
	Akron	217074	469 (453) 2.16 (2.09)
	Hartville	2174	7 (7) 3.22 (3.22)
	Uniontown	2802	7 (7) 2.5 (2.5)
	North Canton	16369	24 (Reduction) 1.47
	Canton	80806	167 (176) 2.07 (2.18)
	Alliance	23253	42 (39) 1.81 (1.68)
	Louisville	8904	10 (9) 1.12 (1.01)
	Jackson Twp	37744	35 (39) 0.87 (1.03)
	Perry Twp	29167	21 (18) 0.72 (.62)
	Massillon	31325	45 (47) 1.44 (1.44)
		2000 Census	Full-Time 2005 -FBI Stats

Note: 2006 figures updated in parenthesis based on FBI 2006 report

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

► This was our first time not being budgeted to hire our authorized strength of patrolmen. We did fill 1 of 2 open positions and hired a patrolman in April of 2007. He needed to attend the full police academy and then complete our in-house field training before being able to solo patrol the city. He was cleared for his first solo patrol duties the first day in January 2008.

► Our replacement hire that will occur in January 2008 will already have his police academy training and has worked as an officer in another jurisdiction. He should be cleared for solo patrol much quicker.

► We will continue to offer the D.A.R.E. program in 2008 but again will not be running the summer camp. We will utilize the officer to fill in vacation vacancies during the summer.

► The Department utilizes the Stark County Crime Lab and was responsible for submitting 115 cases to them. This was a 10% decrease from 2006.

► The Department participated and submitted data for the Stark County Council of Governments (SCOG) Public Safety Communications study. The study was commissioned by them to see if a regional dispatching center would be cost effective for the jurisdictions in Stark County. A company called GeoComm Corporation from Minneapolis, Minnesota has been paid by SCOG to produce the study. Although we



were asked to participate, we have not been kept in the "loop" regarding draft reports, feedback, and have not at this writing in March 2008 received the final report. We are hopeful that the consideration of being able to maintain great service to the public is taken into account by this survey.

- ▶ 4 cruisers were replaced in 2007. We are hoping to replace the remaining 3 in 2008.
- ▶ A program to start replacing the old Motorola HT1000 portable radios for each officer started in 2007. We are hoping to continue to phase new portables in over a 4-year period.
- ▶ We participated in a program to receive free surplus rifles from the U.S. Government. We received several rifles this year and plan to have our officers trained and the rifles in our patrol cruisers in 2008. We already anticipated this development when ordering gun racks the previous 2 years as we have the appropriate racks already in the cruisers.
- ▶ We are planning to replace the 7-year-old VHS cruiser video cameras in 2008 with the newer digital type. We are incurring repair costs and "down time" on these. This should also free up time for the officer in charge of reproducing the videos for court and public record requests, as VHS is time intensive to reproduce.
- ▶ We are starting a program to replace the old tornado sirens in 2008. We have 5 sirens throughout the city and parts are becoming harder to get and we want to ensure their reliability. We anticipate an attempt to budget and replace 1 each year.
- ▶ We have already signed up to become a member and participate in the Stark County DUI Task Force for 2008.
- ▶ For 2008 we have already agreed to send an officer part-time, when the schedule permits, to help with the METRO Drug Task Force.
- ▶ In 2007 the Fire Department completed its ISO Public Fire Protection Classification survey. We are a part of that survey since we handle dispatching services for the fire department. Having an average of 1.8 dispatchers per shift, the back up power to the dispatch center, and the number of incoming telephone lines are just a few of the things that can help receive a satisfactory score. The Fire Department did receive a very good classification score, which will help keep fire insurance rates lower for commercial businesses.

▶ In 2008 we will continue to make the City of North Canton a safe and desirable place to live, learn, work and play!